

**WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT****AND RESEARCH NOTES**

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The 24th Annual Division of Fish and Wildlife Pheasant "Special Hunts" were held in the fall of 2009. Hunttable land included leased acreage (Project # 300FW1A22D42000 – Activity # A22D527) and DNR owned Gamebird Habitat Areas (Project # 300FW1A22D42000 – Activity # A22D501). Properties are located primarily in Benton County, along with limited areas in Newton and White Counties. Hunts were conducted on ten dates scattered throughout the pheasant season. For the 16th year, one hunt date, November 7<sup>th</sup>, was reserved for youth hunters under the age of eighteen. In 2009, to help give youth hunters a better opportunity to harvest birds, the youth hunt was changed from the Friday after Thanksgiving date to the first Saturday of the season.

Six hunts on opening day were offered for purchase at Pheasants Forever/Quail Forever Chapter fundraising banquets to help generate alternative funding dollars for this project. One half of the purchase price of the hunt came back to the Division for use on recruitment and retention, and participating chapters had to conduct a recruitment and retention hunt on a DNR property.

Applications for the hunts were accepted online from July 1<sup>st</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Each potential hunter was allowed to submit only one application. A total of 4,573 applications were in the draw vying for the 221 spots available. The lottery type drawing was held on October 7<sup>th</sup> and successful applicants were randomly assigned hunt area(s). On October 9<sup>th</sup> the draw results were posted online and successful applicants were able to access a link to print off their hunt information. This information included a general instructional letter, property maps, county maps and a hunt survey. Successful applicants were allowed to bring up to two additional hunting companions.

Of the 227 hunts available, there were 43 "no-shows" and 46 surveys not returned representing a 61% show-up rate. The 61% show-up rate was unusually low in 2009 (compared to 80+% in previous years) due to confusion on accessing the hunt results. Many applicants were waiting to receive the results in the mail and did not realize the only way to access the information was to check the online results. Successful applicants were asked to rate their experience from 1 to 10 (1 poor/10-great). Overall the ranking was 7.3

**2009 PHEASANT HUNT RESULTS**

Number of Reports - - - - -	181
Number of Parties - - - - -	138
Number of Hunters - - - - -	387
Hunters/Party - - - - -	2.80
Pheasants Harvested - - - - -	286
Pheasants Harvested/Hunter - - - - -	.74
Other Game Harvested - - - - -	17 Quail
	4 Rabbits
	1 Woodcock
	5 Doves
	1 Squirrel

**1986 - 2009**

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. Of Hunters</u>	<u>No. Of Hunt Dates</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>No. Of Areas</u>	<u>Birds Harvested</u>
1986	105	4	472	11	82
1987	192	7	616	14	214
1988	375	11	790	17	248
1989	392	10	1008	21	398
1990	477	10	1317	25	471
1991	540	11	1503	28	594
1992	574	11	1606	29	406
1993	601	10	2411	36	605
1994	614	10	2411	36	685
1995	646	10	2850	41	827
1996	672	10	2850	41	721
1997	606	10	2976	44	677
1998	737	10	2996	45	755
1999	706	10	3149	50	681
2000	725	10	3247	50	828
2001	723	10	3395	50	580
2002	687	10	3310	48	727
2003	737	10	3144	47	684
2004	715	10	3171	47	670
2005	694	10	3198	48	575
2006	674	10	3174	48	594
2007	627	10	3119	46	515
2008	539	10	2815	36	380
2009	387	10	2858	36	286

Total Number of Hunters ----- 13,745

Total Number of Birds Harvested ----- 13,203

Pheasants Harvested by Hunter ----- .96

**COMPARISON OF DRAW RESULTS - 1986 to 2009**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total # Applications Received</u>	<u>Disqualified</u>	<u>Total Applications In Drawing</u>
1986	863	65	798
1987	1061	123	938
1988	1469	69	1400
1989	1196	102	1094
1990	2010	149	1861
1991	2458	258	2200
1992	2778	236	2542
1993	2870	273	2597
1994	2816	264	2552
1995	2920	248	2672
1996	2948	277	2671
1997	4671	596	4075
1998	4357	503	3854
1999	4450	560	3890
2000	4521	561	3960
2001	5277	752	4525
2002	5512	789	4723
2003	5223	745	4478
2004	5016	714	4302
2005	4735	639	4096
2006			4888
2007	5396	188	5208
2008	5261	148	5113
2009	5185	612	4573

NR - No Survey Returned (46)

NH - Area Not Hunted (43)

\* 6 Purchased Hunts/Opening Day

## 2009 SPECIAL HUNTS PHEASANT HARVEST RESULTS

	FRI NOV 6	SAT NOV 7	WED NOV 11	SAT NOV 14	WED NOV 18	SUN NOV 22	FRI NOV 27	SAT DEC 5	SAT DEC 12	SAT DEC 19	TOTALS
# OF HUNTS AVAILABLE	26/32*	30	26	22	22	20	20	16	18	21	221/227*
# OF APPLICATIONS	1108	306	624	443	382	363	225	450	320	352	4573
% CHANCE	2.3%	9.8%	4.2%	5.0%	5.8%	5.5%	8.9%	3.6%	5.6%	6.0%	4.8%
DENO	*4	0	NH**	5	4	NR	2				
NICKEL PLATE	6	4	3	1	NH	2	1	0	NH**	3	
DONAHUE	*2	NR	NH	0	0	1	0	1	NR	NH	
PINE CREEK #1	0	0	NH	0							
PINE CREEK #2	NH**	NH**	NH	2	NR	0	1	2	1	0	
PINE CREEK #3	3	0	4	3	NR	1	4	3	NR	3	
PINE CREEK #4	NR	2	6	1	3	NH	0				
PINE CREEK #5	NH**	NH	3	0	0	NH	NR	NR	2	NR	
HAWKINS	NR	0	NH**	NR							
McGINNIS LEASE	2	NR		0	NH	NR	4	NR		0	
WHITE CO. ONE	*5	2	2	2	2	NR	0	NR	NR	NH	
WATLAND	*5	NR	NR	0	NH	NH**	6	NR	3	4	
KIRSCH	*NR	3	6	6	NH	4	1	2	NH	4	
WOODLOCK	1	0	0		NR						
JEFVERT	NH										
RAUB	NR	NH**	6	2		NR	3		1	NH	
SORENSEN	6	1	0								
FALWELL	NR	6		0	NR	4		2		3	
WALLPE	2	NH	1								
KNOBVIEW	NR	5		NR		NH**	NR		0	NR	
BROUILLETTE	2	NH**	6		NH						
GESWEIN	1	1	NR	NR	NH	NH**	2	0	NH	NR	
CARTMELL	NR	4	2		2		0		NR	NR	
MCGINNIS/LAUERMAN	0										
STEINER	NH**	6	2	1	NH**		NR		1	1	
METRO SIXTY											
GREENWOOD DITCH	2	4	NH**		2	NH		NH	2	NR	
ADE MUCK	NR	NH**	NR								
PRUDENTIAL											
CARLSON	0	0	2		2		NH**		NH**	NH	
C. TRIPLETT	*3	1	2	0	3	NR	0	2	NH	NR	
FLORA											
VINYARD	NH**	NH		NR	0	NH		3		1	
VINEGAR HILL	4	0	0	1		6	6	1	NR	2	
FUNCHEON											
GLOTZBACH	1	1	3	NR	3	0	2	6	1	0	
TOTALS	49	40	48	24	21	18	32	22	11	21	286

NH\*\* Those successfully drawn applicants that specifically indicated they did not realize they had to go online to check the results of the draw, but were waiting on a mailed response (17)